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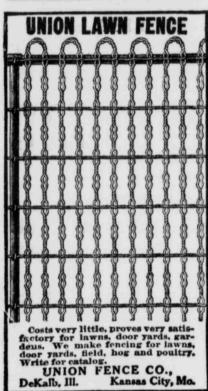
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## CUSTER'S FIGHT BY BUFFALO BILL FROM TRUE TALES OF THE PLAINS

General Sheridan, who was in com-Pastor Chas. T. Russell; a forcible while he himself would seek in anothliving as preferable to a Godless morning, in a snowstorm, Custer re-Sample copies may be had by through it in fording the river. After of the fight. Our loss was seven killed that Elliet had struck a trail on the Owing to the condition of the weathof coffee and hard tack and some forage for his horses, he hastened on. Troop after troop was relieved at the ber as believed, might ambush Elliot

> A council was called, and it was dehorses given their scanty supply. With back till all died gallantly fighting. an able disposition of the scouts in advance. Custer led his men, and in about an hour's ride Little Beaver approached and said he smelt fire. A halt, and Custer and the scouts went famous example. forward, crawled up over the ridge.



With a cheer the cavalry charged. mw a little fire smoldering, which the cade of redskins until their fellow scout said had been used by those guarding the ponies. The main camp was at no great distance.

Whispered commands were given and and a crash of musketry rang from Cook's sharpshooters dismounted and fifty guns. It was apparent that the advanced. The regiment was divided Indians were bent upon riding down Into four squadrons-Major Elliot was to go around on the left and get in the The first votiey made no change in rear of the camp; Thompson, on the their intentions. At a second volley right, was to connect with Elliot: they did not waver, but when others Captain Myers on the right and followed too rapidly to count the ranks Thompson on the left, with Custer began to thin out, and at last Roman and four troops in what would be the Nose went down, shot dead from his center. Hoping for no discovery by horse. The death of their defiant leadthe foe, Custer was to gauge the time er sent consternation into the ranks of becessary and give the signal to attack his followers, and when they were with the bugle.

About an hour before dawn Captain ture fort they broke in a panic Myers' troop took up the last and | During the next two hours the Fornearest position. A moment before the syth party dug their rifle pits deeper. general was about to order the charge strengthened their barricades with the sounded a rifle shot signal was heard bodies of their destroyed horses and from one of the Indian guards in the protected themselves as best they could cemp, and Custer's bugle sounded. Against a second attack. At 2 o'clock

med. Jumpstyle and continued them un- the from their lodges, hiding behind der the most distressing conditions in trees or lining the bank of the little inside the circular breastworks was the winter. Among his ablest and most stream that acted as a rifle pit, the daring lieutenants at the time was reds fought in vain. Black Kettle General George A. Custer, the dashing himself was killed, besides 103 of his and, ever watchful, they passed four cavalry hero of the Army of the Poto- warriers. The village was captured; the pony herds were shot, as they could save an occasional shot when a scout how to regulate and increase the His final campaign is so strikingly not be carried away, taking an hour to indiscreetly rose to stretch himself. kill 875 of them. The village and all mother in management of house- a short description of one of his thrill its possessions of winter provisions, inhold affairs, practical economy, ingly successful battles, sometimes cluding a thousand buffalo robes, hungovernment of children, and other called "Custer's Victory of the Washi-dreds of pounds of dried meat, etc., were destroyed. Over 500 pounds of powder and a thousand pounds of lead mand of the department, was himself were at the same time captured. Fiftyhearts are freed from thoughts of in the field. These Indians having three squaws and children were made perpetrated many outrages, popular prisoners, thus entirely destroying Black Kettle. Elliot and a party of fourteen, who had followed some flying urally in winter drifted southward if parties, were missing, having run into The Grand Idea being that; "As possible, and Sheridan had made a a larger band of Indians in a large adare our Homes, so will be the Com- rendezvous at Camp Supply, in Indian joining village, which threatened now Territory, a hundred miles south of to rush on the command and give tit Fort Dodge. Believing that they were for tat, but Custer rallied every man, in camp in concealment somewhere, threw out skirmishing parties and adsectarian sermon each week, as Sheridan elected to detach Custer and vanced, with his bands and bugles preached by that Biblical Student his regiment and send them on a scout, playing, and after some sharp fighting poral rewards gained by righteous base. On Nov. 23, at 4 o'clock in the Bell, with an escort, coming dashing life that brings nought but misery ported himself ready to march with the way, was badly needed, and haveled that brings nought but misery his usual evidenced anxiety to fight. Ing Little Rock, their fighting chief. On the 26th the Canadian river was killed, they broke away and scattered. Other departments and features reached, and Major Elliot was sent on An unknown number were killed and are above the ordinary, the unani- a prospecting tour, while he crossed wounded during the all day fighting. mous verdict of its readers being: the river with his immediate com- A white woman and child were found "The cleanest and best family mand. The ice was not strong enough in the village who were killed by the to bear there up, so they had to break | Indians for revenge during the opening

> south side of the river. This he was er, etc., it was necessary to get back sent orders to follow until night and to Camp Supply to recuperate, which then to wait for Custer and his men. was successfully accomplished. That Leaving the wagon train behind him same winter Custer repeated the same under an escort, abandoning some and trick on a larger village and wiped taking their pack train of mules, a it from the face of the earth and caphundred rounds of ammunition and tured Satanta, whom he held until the battle of the Washita a search their condition of safety, as the In- learned from the Indians how catasdians, if they were in as large a num- trophe overcame them. Flushed with into the midst of a big band of braves

Often the white men had narrow take a chance of escaping over the escapes from extermination, General bluff. Crawling on their stomachs and George A. Forsyth's siege on the Arick- sometimes on their hands and knees, aree river in September, 1868, being a three miles were covered before dawn.

little water was in the river, the party emoved its camp to an island in the middle of the stream. There their worst fears were early realized, for at tack. Roman Nose was a heroic speci- and man decided now to travel also by men of the Indian warrior, and he day. This piece of recklessness nearhostile braves.

with a view to fortifying his position. digging rifle pits and placing saddles and other available material in a circle around his men. There was so little water in the river bed that he knew from the impending attack unless the ere they reached the imperiled soliers. Indian sharpshooters ranged in tion a deadly fire at close range. The besieged men crouched in the rifle pits they had dug in the sand, their firearms in readiness, awaiting the word of command. Closer came the caval sharpshooters were compelled to cease firing for fear of killing their own Then Forsyth shouted "Now!" their prey and killing them on the spot. within a hundred yards of the minia-

the Indians were again driven off, and for a third time they returned at 4 o'clock to be once more and finally re pulsed. The Forsyth party suffered severely in all three of the attacks. All their horses and mules had been killed, thus cutting off their means of escape. Lieutenant Fred Beecher, a nephew of Henry Ward Beecher, the distinguished Brooklyn divine, and five of his men, had also been killed or mortally wounded, and seventeen men, including General Forsyth, had been seriously wounded. Practically only seven men out of the original number were unharmed

Fort Wallace, the nearest military post, was a hundred miles away, and the situation was indeed desperate for General Forsyth and his men, without food and surrounded by nearly a thousand Indians. The dead horses were dug for water. The defense was fur-On the second day the horse meat



They crawled into the buffalo skelcton for refuge.

could not be eaten. Suffering became commissary stores of one day's rations | many white captives were given up in | intense, and sending for help was absolutely necessary, else the command would perish. Jack Stilwell, a noted party was sent out to find trace of scout, then a beardless youth in buckfront for breaking the road, and the Elliot and his men, whose remains skin, volunteered to go to Fort Walhorses were pushed to the limit of they found, the story being afterward lace. Old Pete Trudeau, a frontiersman, said he would go with him. At midnight the pair crept out from the success in the Black Kettle village, breastworks and were quickly lost and his men. They reached Elliot at Elliot pursued the flying band and ran sight of. Stilwell decided that the best route to take would be by going coming to assist in the fight. They directly ashore and over the bluff and cided to wait until the moon rose and were seen, an ambush was quickly not to detour up or down the river or then to follow the Indian trail. The effected, and they were surrounded, follow the ravines into the interior. rest did the command some good, the Their horses were shot down and oth- for he judged that the Indians would saddle girths being loosened and the ers dismounted, and they stood back to guard these seemingly less perilous avenues, feeling that no one would They saw Indians on every hand. The brought them to General Forsyth was in command of first stage of their long journey a body of about fifty plainsmen, en- brought them to the top of the divide listed as scouts, and camped beside between the Arickaree and South Rethe Arickarce river, a small stream in publican rivers. There they concealed northwestern Kansas. The Indians themselves for the day in a washout, had been reported as uprising, and the or head of a draw, where the banks expedition was projected for the pur- had been overgrown with tall grass se of finding out the true state of and sunflowers. From over the hill ffairs. It being a season when very they could hear firing all day, which told them that their comrades still

held out.

Next night they crept away across the south fork of the Republican, and o'clock on the morning of Sept. 17, the morning of the fourth day found 1808, Chief Roman Nose entered the them on the prairie at the head of river valley with his braves, squaws Goose creek. The Indians seemed to and children and prepared for an at- have been left behind, and the boy headed a party of nearly a thousand ly cost them their lives, for about 8 o'clock in the morning they saw In-General Forsyth immediately began dians coming toward them, and they making the best preparations he could dropped into the grass. Fortunately the Indians had not discovered them. but it was necessary to hide quickly. In looking for a place to conceal themselves on the open plains they discovered some weeds growing around a hand to hand encounters would result buffalo carcass. Crawling to their prospective shelter, they found that dvancing host could be repelled be- the buffalo had been killed about a year before and that the skeleton was intact, with little bits of hide hanging diding along both banks of the stream to the ribs in places. In a moment began pouring into the Forsyth posi- they had crawled into the skeleton with its almost unbearable stench. The tenseness of their situation, coupled with the dangers at hand, began to affect Trudeau's mind, and he almost broke down completely. He wanted to shout, shoot his revolver and leap out from their hiding place, but Stilwell persuaded him to remain quiet until dark, when a refreshing drink of water revived him, and they traveled on through the night. The next day was foggy, and they traveled by daylight without trouble. About 11 o'clock, when almost utterly exhausted, they saw coming out of the haze of the Denver wagon road two soldiers bearing dispatches. The couriers were on the way to Colonel Carpenter's command, lying at Lake Slater, about fifty miles from where General Forsyth was besieged. Spurring their horses, they made all haste to Colonel Carpenter's camp, and his force was quickly marched to General Forsyth's relief.

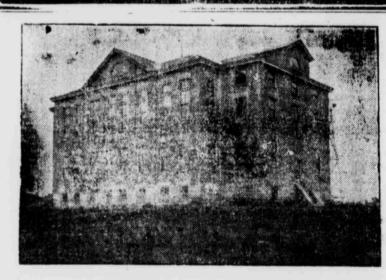
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